



**Latrobe Valley
Mine Rehabilitation
Commissioner**



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Community arts event to focus on mine rehab learnings

A culmination of the learnings shared over the last five months as part of the Coal Hole project will be the focus of its final event, a 'Coal Hole Town 1,000 Billion Litre Water Fight' on Sunday 1 December from 2-3pm at the Kernot Hall Lawn in Morwell.

The project collective aims to crochet 1,000 eco-friendly mini water balloons this week with the help of local creatives from The Bee and the Spider, in time for the family-friendly event*.

"Water is an important part of the conversation, and this event reflects on the competing needs for water for everyone, not just for industry, but for the environment, and recreationally," Project Arts Director PollyannaR said.

"We invite everyone to come along, learn and have fun in what will be set up as a mini Latrobe Valley, with a giant slip-and-slide depicting the Latrobe and Morwell rivers and aquifer, shell pools to symbolise the coal mines, and signs displaying all the facts and figures we've learned about mine rehabilitation throughout this arts project," PollyannaR continued.

Members of Latrobe Streetgames will be attending, as well as the CFA who will be giving away buckets to raise awareness about the bushfire season, and Latrobe Youth Space will be hosting a stall focusing on career pathways relevant to mine rehabilitation in the Latrobe Valley. The Latrobe Valley Mine Rehabilitation Commissioner's office will also have a display with team members attending to answer any questions.

Since its launch in partnership with the Commissioner's office and local not-for-profit organisation The Big Picture Space Inc., Coal Hole has delivered a hi-vis fashion parade, made zines, experimented with sound and coal photography, and built a sculpture from scrap metal with community members, encouraging conversations on the future landscape of the Latrobe Valley. The sculpture will be a key feature at the event, along with a 1.5 x 7-metre-long wooden 3D model featuring the Latrobe Valley mines and towns.

For more details about the project and the event, visit coalhole.com.au or follow facebook.com/coalholeproject.

**PHOTO OPPORTUNITY: PollyannaR and members of the Coal Hole project will be crocheting mini water balloons with owner Matilda Lappin at The Bee and the Spider, 16 George Street, Morwell, on Friday 15 November from 2-5pm. Media representatives are welcome to attend.*

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